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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

YAMAMOTO

Serial No.: 09/537,669

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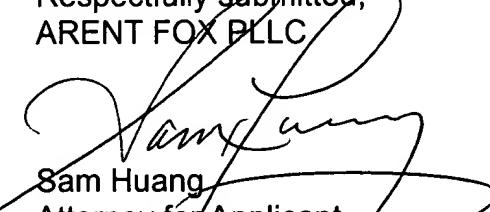
Director to the U.S. PTO
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003 for one (1) month from March 5, 2004 to April 5, 2004.

A check in the amount of One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$110.00) to cover the cost of the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. 107317-00003.

Respectfully submitted,
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